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*Whereas, the National Main Street Center was established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1980. Since its inception, the Center has grown to be the largest full-service commercial district revitalization organization in the nation;*

*Whereas, recognizing the crucial role the downtown business district plays in the overall image of a community, the Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Main Street Program in 1985 to encourage the economic development, redevelopment, and improvement of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns;*

*Whereas, Indiana Main Street is advised by the Indiana Main Street Council, a public/private advisory board appointed by Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman;*

*Whereas, rather than providing direct grants, Indiana Main Street emphasizes building local capacity and self-sufficiency through technical assistance and encourages local businesses, residents, and leaders to get involved in community projects;*



*Whereas, in order to address all of the needs of the community, Indiana Main Street utilizes the National Main Street Center's four-point approach to improving downtown areas: design, organization, promotion, and economic restructuring;*

*Whereas, the National Main Street revitalization project has proven to be one of the most successful economic development strategies in America. Research has shown that on a national average, for every dollar spent to operate a local Main Street program, approximately thirty-eight dollars has been reinvested in the community; and*

*Whereas, numerous local communities throughout the State of Indiana have benefitted from the Indiana Main Street Program's services to revitalize downtown communities over the last twenty years: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses sincere
- 2           gratitude to the Indiana Main Street Program for its on-going efforts to
- 3           renew downtown business districts throughout the state.
- 4           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly commends the
- 5           Indiana Main Street Program and the Indiana Main Street Council, as
- 6           well as all of the businesses and community members that have
- 7           participated in local programs, for their efforts to improve community
- 8           image.
- 9           SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 10          transmit copies of this Resolution to Lieutenant Governor Becky
- 11          Skillman; Executive Director of Indiana Main Street, Ellen Harper;
- 12          members of the Indiana Main Street Council, Steve Boyce, Amy
- 13          Vaughan, Jon Smith, Mark Dollase, Amy MacDonell Shepard, Dr.
- 14          James Segedy, Judy Gray, Mayor Don Stock, Todd Thackery, and Jim
- 15          Grant; and former First Lady Judy O'Bannon.

